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SUBJECT: DUTCH WILL NOT MAKE FURTHER CONTRIBUTIONS TO  
SIERRA LEONE SPECIAL COURT

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Classified By: Deputy Legal Counselor David Kaye per reasons 1.5 (b)-(d)  
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¶1. (C) Embassy legal officer delivered reftel demarches to Pieter Ramaer, Head of the Political and Judicial Division within the MFA's UN and IFI Department. Ramaer stated the Dutch were one of the top donors of the Special Court for Sierra Leone and that they were not considering making any additional contributions. With respect to other European countries, Ramaer stated that the Dutch had demarshaled several countries about four months ago with little success. Although he noted the US preference for voluntary contributions, Ramaer stated that the Dutch view assessed contributions as the only possible way to acquire the requisite funding needed by the Court. The Dutch stance was also included in a recent position paper circulated by the Court's management committee.

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